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THE CANTEEN BILL

THE reports from Washington intimate that when the Army Reorganization bill passes the Senate, that the section inserted in the House of Representatives prohibiting the canteen will be stricken out. The Senate Committee on Military affairs has heard some strong testimony in favor of the canteen from men who have studied its workings. Among the number of witnesses is an army chaplain who has served in the active operations in the Philippines and his evidence is particularly strong. The House passed this section under the influence of a large and enthusiastic delegation from the Womens Christian Temperance Union who had worked hard and earnestly to secure this action, under the impression and belief that if the government did not sell liquor to the soldiers, no one else would. But all of the testimony goes to show that when soldiers, or as a matter of fact, any other persons, want liquor and have the money to pay for it, men and means will be found to furnish it. The people of Middletown have not forgotten how two years and a half ago, after every pay day, the streets of the town were filled with soldiers, more or less under the influence of liquor. And the fact of "taps" having been sounded did not entirely clear the streets. Suppose that the First Delaware Regiment could have had a canteen inside the guard lines, where the men could congregate and talk, read, or play games, and at the same time be supplied with what are known as "soft drinks"; does not every one believe that it would have resulted in better discipline and more saving and have made the whole camp and the town better? And that is what the army canteen does. It furnishes the men a place to meet socially under proper and military restrictions and all of the profits go back to the men in the shape of adding certain luxuries to the regulation ration. One writer has aptly called it "the private soldier's club."

It would, therefore, not be surprising if the Senate should refuse to concur in this section, and it is entirely possible that a good many of the Representatives who voted against the canteen, with a certain air of superior virtue did so with the knowledge that the Senate would not agree to the action, and throw the section into conference. The House may, for appearance's sake, make a nominal fight in defence of its position, but the indications are that it will in the end quietly and gracefully capitulate. This course is all the more likely in consideration of the fact that the aggressive feminine lobby has dispersed to its several homes.

THE FARM AND FREE DELIVERY

WE commend to our readers the following from The Philadelphia *Press*, under the above title:

"The farmer, the New York "Sun" suggests, in a friendly discussion of rural free delivery, ought to be satisfied with the village post office and its advantages. Haste in getting letters is a city habit, it urges, from which the farmer ought to be free.

Into the wisdom of being in a hurry about getting one's letters quick we shall not enter; but if the New York "Sun" imagines that the farmer of to-day turns his letter over before opening it "two or three minutes, with the formula, 'I wonder who it's from,'" our brilliant New York contemporary does not know the American farmer. He is as spry about his mail as any city man.

Rural free delivery is only one of the many agencies and influences which are transforming the countryside. The trolley is one of them. It has shortened the roads in every Eastern State. The cheap rural telephone is another. The bicycle holds in the country a place it has lost in the city. Transport and communication have improved for every farmer.

The change has changed him. He watches the weather report and tries to get it daily. When he sells his produce at his little country station he is as keen about the days's quotations as a Wall Street broker. Railroad corporations, private enterprise and the joint co-operative efforts of the countryside have provided the farmer with a host of points of contact which have brought him near city life and the city market. Note, for one thing, how the old weekly edition of our city dailies, once taken on every farm, has been supplanted by the nearby daily.

"Rural free delivery has come near because it is a part—and a necessary part—of these changes. The United States mail must keep up with the trolley, the telephone, the bicycle, the widening circulation of the daily and the farmer's more active life. The proof that this rural free delivery is needed is seen in the instant increase of mail receipts where frequent rural free delivery is provided.

"Rural free delivery is no mere demand of a department seeking a wider field. It is practically forced on the Post Office by the condition of things, as city delivery was thrity-seven years ago. As then, either the department must give the new accommodation and service or find itself left behind by the advancing trades of current communication."

OUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Containing Best Wishes to all Business Associates in Middletown

J. B Messick

Here's where everybody comes with his wife and family looking for Christmas, and they find it too, for no matter what is wanted, a dress, a coat, a cape, a suit, dishes, lamps, rugs, towels, shoes, slippers, and anything in the long list of useful household or toilet articles, just mention it, and those pleasant, affable and always so polite and obliging sales ladies and gentlemen at Messick's will be sure to find just the thing you want. There is a long counter down the centre of the aisle full of notions, fancy articles, and pretty trifles at small cost, and others at higher prices, and at the rear you'd think old Santa Claus himself reigned, seeing the quantity of toys, dolls and confection. It is Christmas already at Messick's, and it is not wise to delay your shopping.

J. C. Parker & Son Co

At the Diamond State Harness and Collar manufacturers most acceptable presents may be found for father, husband or brother. Perhaps they are not sentimental enough for a lover but next year you may get his purchase there the relations having been changed by the aid of the parson.

Mrs. George W. Peterson

Has as a specialty her ready-made clothing for ladies. It is easy to find suits ready-made for men but for ladies' wear it is often difficult to do so. Mrs. Peterson has them. The millinery department is worthy of consideration.

J. W. Jolls

For many a Merry Christmas has Mr. Jolls merited the good will and the orders of his fellow citizens. He deals in coal, wood and grain. Why not make glad some poor man's home by a ton of coal from Mr. Jolls' coal yard? You can afford it and be the happier for it.

M. Kumpel

If any man illustrates in the health and strength of active life the excellent quality of that upon which he lives it is the genial butcher. Lincoln longed that others of his generals should find the quality of the Grant liquors, so may many seek the Kumpel steaks.

H. C. DeValinger

'Tis a full store you find here and busy clerks but they are always at your service. There are special Christmas attractions elsewhere named in this issue. Mr. De Valinger is bound to win.

W. E. Evans & Son

The Exchange store is one of the necessities of life, and Messrs. Evans & Son can supply you with anything in their line for the Holidays at surprisingly low prices.

C. B. Satterfield

The man who attends strictly to his own affairs usually knows what will please his customers. Mr. Satterfield has customers who would think the Christmas dinner not up to standard if not purchased in chief at his store.

Mrs. Fannie Lockwood

Has pretty ribbons, pretty hats and bonnets, pretty fancy articles, all of them suited to the fancy of the pretty wife, pretty sister or pretty sweetheart. She will advise you what to purchase.

J. H. Emerson

Mr. Emerson is the TRANSCRIPT's neighbor and what he does with the wagon loads of furniture which come to him is almost a mystery. He says small profits sell it, and he must be right.

Miss E. F. Ingram

Is among those seeking the patronage of the TRANSCRIPT's readers and is well known to all and will be glad to see you. A full line of ladies trimmed hats that are sure to please the ladies.

William Brockson's

Efforts are to sell good goods, a hundred cents in the dollar, every day his store is open. Mrs. Brockson's taste in purchasing guarantees easy sales to the obliging clerks.

G. E. Hukill

At the old stand on Railroad Avenue sells lumber and coal—two of the essentials of latter day civilization. William Hukill is there to take your orders.

George G. Rowe

Not only has Mr. Rowe the handsomest pictures and picture frames ever kept in town but this year he has ornaments for Christmas trees, etc.

A. M. Chamberlain

Has many fancy articles all the year round and they are just as useful and pretty and acceptable for Holiday presents as any. Tell him what you want.

J. A. Bradley

Business at the "East End" has never been better than under Mr. Bradley's direction. A walk to his store will surprise you in quality and prices.

W. W. Wilson's

Is the old standard news and tabacco stand. Some think the smoke is not so good nor the news so interesting unless purchased at Wilson's.

F. L. Cates

"Who wants to think of death insurance at this season?" Call on Mr. Cates and be convinced insurance is for the living not the dead.

Paul Weber

Bread is the staff of life and Mr. Weber's object is to furnish not only this staff but also the luxuries as well—fruit cakes, pies, confection &c.

George N. Dickinson

Fresh country poultry and the best meats are Mr. Dickinson's idea for the merriest Christmas dinners. He keeps them.

J. B. Foard

Will buy your wheat, corn or other grain and guarantee the highest market price.

Mrs. J. B. Bratton

Opened her Millinery with intention of pleasing her patrons. Good taste and small profits have been the watchword here.

H. D. Naramore

A handsome photograph is a handsome present at Christmas. All Mr. Naramore asks is a sitting. He does the rest.

F. Bloome

The trade which Mr. Bloome has is really surprising—it has grown so fast. It is because it is deserved.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.)

DELAWARE CITY

A skim of ice on the canal on Wednesday

Earl Baum has returned from Long Branch.

Mr. R. Smith spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Miss Julia Clark is visiting in New York City.

William Anderson was in Wilmington on Monday.

The Presbyterian Church is being newly roofed.

Mrs. N. George Price has returned from Philadelphia.

The Uncle Sam's boys have returned from Washington D. C.

Daniel Cush set Willis Cook's out on the sidewalk on Tuesday.

Mrs. George Foard and daughter spent Thursday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Crud and daughter Bessie, were in Wilmington Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Price and Mr. Rose went to Wilmington on Thursday.

Miss Bina Foard and Miss Jennie Vail spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

C. Lehr, of Philadelphia, was a guest of Mrs. J. Schunder on Monday.

Mrs. John Schunder, Jr., entertained Mrs. William Haman on Monday.

Jacob Frempt has returned from visiting his daughter in Philadelphia.

Mrs. and Miss Bradway have returned from a brief visit to Philadelphia.

Charles Shearer, of Clayton, has the position recently vacated by F. Gray.

Misses Ethel and Alice Reybold made a brief visit to Wilmington this week.

H. Stillman was among the transient visitors to Wilmington on Wednesday.

William Quincy, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Foard on Sunday.

Several of our town folk attended the Rummage sale held in St. Georges last week.

Dr. W. M. Ogle is the guest of his sister Mrs. George C. Bennett in Quarryville, Pa.

H. Tims, of Wilmington, was a Sunday visitor at Mr. F. A. Pennington's hospitable home.

The Mite Society of the Presbyterian Church met on Thursday at the home of Miss N. Wilkinson.

Benton Spruance of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Thompson.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Hemphill.

The blowing down of the wing of the new barracks at Fort Dupont entails a loss of about 150 or 200 dollars.

The Cottage Prayer-meeting of the W. C. T. U., will be held next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ogle.

Frank Gray recently clerking for W. Jester has obtained a position in Wilmington. Mr. Gray's home is in that City.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church have had a bath-room furnished with pipes conveying water into the rectory.

The storm of last week drove one of the dredgers up the river from the bulkhead which is some distance down the river.

Mrs. H. C. Johannis and Mrs. John Swan Jr., have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. George Von Culin at Bridesburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Craig were in Wilmington over night Saturday, and attended divine service at Old Swedes on Sunday morning.

The people of the town wish to inform the press of a neighboring City that a fire department is one of the institutions of the town.

An opportunity is offered to those who desire it to have their pictures. Arnold, photographer of Wilmington, is in town every Thursday. Photoes 15 cents per dozen.

The entertainment for the benefit of the new organ fund of the M. E. Church, which was to have been given Christmas night has been postponed. Due notice will be given.

An entertainment was given in Central Hall on Friday evening under the auspices of the Epworth League. The attraction was a Cineograph, proceeds to be devoted to paying for having pipes laid from the water-works into the chapel.

About eighty-one soldiers from the adjacent forts attended the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the removal of the Capital from Philadelphia to Washington on Wednesday. Two new parlor cars were chartered with several porters and William Hagan as carterer, Mrs. Aker supplied about 200 Coffee Cakes.

TOWNSEND NEWS BUDGET

Mr. Sheldrake, of Harrington, visited here on Friday.

Mrs. Annie Allen, of Middletown, visited here on Wednesday.

Miss Ella Maloney is enjoying an extended visit among Philadelphia friends.

Mrs. Daniel B. Maloney and daughter Miss Ethel, visited their many friends in Wilmington on Saturday.

Mrs. William Collins and son Jacob, of Smyrna, spent Sunday as guests the of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Richardson.

Miss May Leathers was in town on Wednesday calling upon her many friends. She resides at Clayton.

Misses Elma and Lola Finley, who are two of the most popular young ladies, are employed in the store of Lattomus Bros. and at the Post office respectively.

Mr. James Garton, our genial fellow-townsman, was seen the other day driving his very promising bay colt, and by his appearance he will make some of our fastest trotters hurry.

Mrs. Florence Arnett and son, of Smyrna, also Mr. Benjamin Burross, who resides near Woodland Beach, visited Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Richardson on South street this town during Sunday last.

Messrs. Benjamin Lockerman, Lester Naylor and Wilmer Fenimore have returned from a pleasant trip to Clayton, and all report that that town, is especially lively, in business circles just now.

After enjoying a sojourn of several weeks among her numerous friends in the city of Wilmington, Miss Annie Lattomus, who is likewise popular in her natire section, returned home on Saturday.

The home of Joseph Guy near this place was entered by thieves on Tuesday night while the family had come to town to do some shopping, and clothing to the value of 30 dollars was stolen. The thieves evidently came in a wagon, as the tracks of a vehicle were noticed, quite close to a rear door, early the next morning.

A local resident certainly gave vent to a very popular feeling, when he said to the TRANSCRIPT correspondent. "I am going to have my stocking hanging, ready for Mr. Jackson, of Camden, Delaware, to come along with a deed for a twenty-thousand dollar farm or a 19 thousand dollcheck." And so this quite general feeling continues to become more rampant day after day.

Mr. William A. Rhodes of this town but formerly of Odessa, and Mrs. Emma Weldon, also of Townsend, were married at the home of the groom on Gray street in this town, at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening, the Rev. George P. Jones officiating. The ceremony was performed in the parlor which had been beautifully decorated. The wedding was a quiet one only the immediate relatives of the family being present. The groom has been engaged in the wheelwrighting business here for several months, having moved from Odessa about one year ago. They have many friends here who wish them a very pleasant journey over the matrimonial sea. Mr. Rhodes will continue in business here until next spring when he intends to return to Odessa to reside permanently thereafter.

Mr. William W. Shockley who until about a week ago, was engaged in business here having conducted a local jewelry store for quite awhile previously, left for Greensborough, Md., a few days since where he wedded Miss Annie Malloy, of that place on Wednesday of this week. The bride is well known and deservedly popular in the social circles of Greensboro, and the groom, while located here, and doing an extensive business in the heart of the town, gained hosts of friends and truly he is esteemed and kindly remembered by many of this section and all heartily wish them a long and happy wedded life. After a trip to Northern cities, they will reside at Greensboro, where, the groom will start a jewerly store, on returning. Mr. Shockleys many friends here are regreting his departure from Townsend.

A Correction

The TRANSCRIPT announced last week that William Brockson had sold his house on South Broad street to William Barnett, but we were misinformed, and offer an apology to all concerned, as the property has not changed hands.

GO TO H. C. DeVALINGER'S

To buy CANDIES, NUTS, RAISINS, CURRANTS and FRUITS of all kinds for Christmas and be pleased in the Price and Quality. Cheaper than elsewhere.

MIXTURES from 5c to 8c, 10c, 12½c and the BEST at 15c per lb.

Good Mince Meat, 4 lbs 25c

Good Flour 23c. a bag. Good Prunes, 5c. lb

LONDON LAYER RAISINS, two lbs. 25c.; PAPER SHELLED ALMONDS, 23c per lb. BEST ENGLISH WALNUTS, 17c per lb.; Good English Walnuts, two lbs for 25c.; Mixed Nuts, 14c per lb.

H. C. DeValinger,

MIDDLETOWN, - - DELAWARE.

Christmas is coming!

ARE YOU PREPARED for IT?

IF NOT CALL AT

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Christmas Presents...

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Best Goods at Lowest Prices.

A FULL LINE OF Clothing

Boots, Shoes and Underwear.

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LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FINE CHOCOLATES AT 25c

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Mixtures, from 10 to 40c

TOYS, NUTS and FIGS.

Fruit Cake, Pound Cake. Lady Cake

AND MIXED CAKES IN ABUNDANCE.

FRESH BREAD, PIES, CAKES and DOUGHNUTS Daily.

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Mrs. Thomas Massey,

Main Street, Middletown, Del.

This is to Certify to All to Whom These Presents Shall Come,

THAT we Robert S. Baird, of the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, and James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, have this day entered into a limited partnership for the purpose of carrying on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers, and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining, underand by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, upon the terms hereinafter set forth. The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company, and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining.

The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the City of Wilmington, New Castle County and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware.

That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the first day of December, A. D., one thousand nine hundred, and is to end on the thirtieth day of November, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and one.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals at the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this Twenty Sixth day of November, A. D. one thousand nine hundred.

ROBT. S. BAIRD, [Seal.]
JAMES C. McCOMB, [Seal.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of LEWIS SASSE.

STATE OF DELAWARE, New Castle County, } ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this Twenty Sixth day of November, A. D., one thousand nine hundred, personally came before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle County and State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged that they signed and sealed the said certificate for the purposes therein set forth, and that the same is their and each of their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last aforesaid.

LEWIS SASSE, [Seel],
Justice of the Peace.

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A Good Thing to have at hand at all times.

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Wholesale and Retail Druggist.

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The eighth annual special course of instruction in Agricultural and Horticultural subject at

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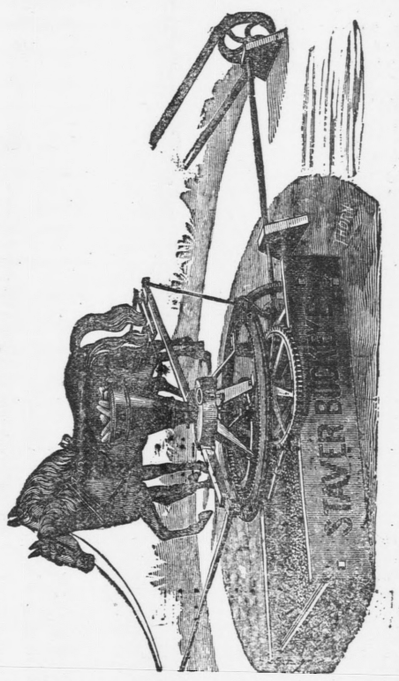
Catalogue describing the other two Agricultural courses of the College will be sent upon request.

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has to offer before placing it elsewhere.

Would it not be an act of prudence to request the HOME LIFE to take the risk rather than to compel your family to assume it?

Send name and date of birth for full particulars and sample policy to

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.50, 9.20 and 10.23 a. m.; 4.16 and 6.02 p. m.
South Bound—12.54, 9.11 and 11.50 a. m.; 3.54, 5.18 and 7.51 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.55 and 5.40 p. m.
Going South—8.50 a. m., 5.10 p. m.
For Odessa—9.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.15 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DECEMBER 15, 1900

Local News.

Go to Jones & Bradley for fresh bread.

WANTED.—Fresh eggs at Armstrong's for cash.

Paper Shell Almonds 23c. per lb. at DeValinger's.

WANTED—Correspondent in all of our sister towns for THE TRANSCRIPT.

Mrs. V. W. Massey has many novelties in the Jewelry line suitable for Xmas gifts.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

To FARMERS.—Cash paid for eggs at Armstrong's. We want all the eggs we can get.

Go to Weber's Bakery for fruit cake, lady cake, pound cake, doughnuts, figs and confections.

W. T. Connellee's ad. in another column will interest you, and his goods are always fresh.

Before you purchase your Christmas goods, read the ad. of H. C. DeValinger in another column of this issue.

What would make a better X-mas gift than a nice Bicycle? Burrows has them. Next door to the Express Office.

Before you buy your Xmas gifts call on Miss Emma Ingram. A line of groceries always on hand. We also have a fine assortment of ladies and Misses trimmed hats.

WANTED.—A practical farmer would like to have a good farm on thirds or to carry on, or would rent and stock a small farm. Best of reference, N. W. G., TRANSCRIPT office.

Mrs. Thomas Massey has just received a very beautiful display of up-to-date jewelry, suitable for wedding and X-mas gifts, consisting of Cut Glass, Plated Ware, Novelties, Watches, Clocks, Etc.

PUBLIC SALE—Mrs. S. A. Crossland will sell at public sale at her residence, East Main street, on Saturday, December 22d, at 1 o'clock, P. M., her entire Household and Kitchen Furniture. Terms Cash.

If you bought your confections of Paul Weber last Christmas you will remember he had the best in town. His stock for the holiday is much larger than formerly and his prices are always right. Give him a call before you buy.

Mr. Z. T. Bradley & Son are making extensive changes to the TRANSCRIPT office buding, and when the the work is completed we will have our office on one floor, which will be a great convenience to the public as well as to ourselves.

The New Century Club's program for next Tuesday afternoon is discussion. "Does the Higher Education Unfit our Girls for Wifehood and Motherhood?" Mrs. W. B. Biggs; Does the Home do its Duty in Training for Citizenship?" Mrs. Richard Cann.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets to-morrow evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Confessing Christ." Matt. 10:32-39.

There is some talk of forming a State league here for basket ball. The formation of such will be Wilmington, West End, Company A, of Wilmington, New Castle, Newark or Dover, and Middletown. S. M. Saunders will coach the Middletown team.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Nov. 15th, 1900: Ladies—Harriet Lydia Jones, Mrs. Mary Larocque, Mrs. Emma Pinket Gentlemen, Wilmer Dale, G. W. Ford and William H. Ridgway.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church to-morrow evening, at 6.45 o'clock. Every body is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Confessing Christ." Matt. 10:32-39. Leader, Charles E. Foulke.

The four new dwellings of Mrs. George W. Peterson on East Main street will be opened to the public for inspection on Monday next. These houses are by far the most convenient renting properties in town, being new, nicely located, with bath rooms, town water and many other modern conveniences.

Harry Johnson and Fred Scott, both colored, were arrested Saturday night by Constable Collins on the charge of stealing $25 from the house of Amanda Green. The prisoners were arrainged before Magistrate Reynolds, who discharged them, the evidence being insufficient to hold them for court.

Mr. M. Gremminger, of Odessa, who has been indisposed for the past twelve months is again able to be out, and paid the TRANSCRIPT a very pleasant call Monday. Mr. Gremminger has secured the services of a first-class shoemaker, and wishes to state to the public that he is again in a position to serve his old customers in the best manner. See his advertisement in another column of this issue.

Mr. Vincent Moore, living on J. F. McWhorter's farm near St. Georges, killed the champion hog of the hundred this year. Its weight being 644 pounds dressed Dr. John Dickinson, of this town guessed within 16 pounds of the hogs weight, Mr. Dickinson's judgment along this line has been envied by his friends. Mr. Moore killed two other porkers on the same day their combined weight being 1420 pounds. Next!

Union Lodge, A. O. U. W., has elected the following officers: Master Workman, Charles T. Gears; Foreman, S. Edward Lewis; Overseer, Charles E. Spicer; Recorder, Clarence R. Clayton; Financier, Alfred G. Cox; Receiver, George D. Kelley; Guide, J. Fletcher Deakyne; Inside Watchman, John W. Solway; Outside Watchman, Harry W. Richards; Trustee, Harry S. Beaston; Medical Examiner, Charles A. Ritchie; Representative to the Grand Lodge, Oliver M. Matthews.

Best English Walnuts 17c. per lb. at DeValinger's.

Trespassers Notices printed and for sale at this office.

Good Mince Meat, 4 lbs. for 25 cents at DeValinger's.

Armstrong's meats are the best in town—that is what his customers say.

Buy your Candies, Nuts, Raisins, Currants and Fruits of all kinds at DeValinger's.

Go to Evans & Sons Exchange Store Middletown for pure buckwheat flour. Bran by the ton.

FOR SALE.—Good Stove, will sell Cheap, suitable for office, lodge room or large building. Apply at this Office.

FACTORY selling mills, factories and general trade offer line on com. to A1 men. "Factory," Box 1371, New York.

Go J. H. Burrows for Musical Instruments of all kinds. Anything not in stock will be ordered on shortest possible notice.

If you are looking for confections for the holidays read the ad. of Paul Weber in another column of this issue. His prices are right.

Stop! Take your Laundry to J. H. Burrows and you will get it done right. Agent for the I. X. L. and Nonpareil Laundries. High Gloss or Domestic Finish.

Broom Factory is working and turning out excellent work. Bring along your corn. Brooms wholesale and retail.
H. INGRAM, Middletown, Del.

There was quite a little excitement over an alarm of fire early Tuesday evening. A chimney caught fire at the home of Charles Boardly, (colored) on East Lake street. It was soon extinguished without doing much damage.

The Junior Auxiliary of St. Anne's Church will hold its annual bazaar this afternoon and evening in the room of the New Century Club. Fancy articles suitable for Christmas presents, candy, cakes and Philadelphia Ice Cream will be for sale. The young people hope to realize a goodly sum for the purpose of their society and respectfully solicit the patronage of the public.

If you enjoy a good laugh you will see "Three Hats" a very funny comedy to be presented by the Middletown Dramatic Association on Christmas night at the Opera House. The cast consists of the very best local talent. The Association fills a long felt want and our town people should support it liberally. Reserved Seats 35 cents General Admission 25 cents. Tickets now on sale at W. S. Letherburys. For further particulars see their posters.

BURROWS-COX

Mr. John F. Burrows and Miss Etta Cox were quietly married at the M. E. Parsonage Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. E. W. Caswell. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows left on the 4.15 North bound train for a short wedding trip, returning last evening. The Diamond State Band of which the groom is a member, met the newly married couple at the depot on their return and escorted them to their home on Anderson street, where a reception was held. A large number of their friends were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The presents were numerous and some were quite valuable.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrows will reside on Anderson street, and the TRANSCRIPT joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Prof. Wesley Webb, has been making a big effort to make the meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society, to be held in the Opera House, this town, on January 9th, 10th and 11th, the most largely attended successful meeting of farmers and horticulturists ever gathered on a similar occasion. He has succeeded in making arrangements for reduced railroad and hotel fares for all who may wish to attend the full three days sessions, and the program is an unusually interesting one, the questions to be discussed being all of the most interesting and profitable to the farmer.

ST. GEORGES NOTES

Gus Robison spent Monday in Odessa.

Miss Lydia Buckson spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Buckson was in Wilmington Wednesday.

Miss Dollie Cannon, of Bowersville, spent Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. Caleb Cannon.

Miss Anna Moore returned home Wednesday after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives at Clayton.

Epworth League Sunday evening beginning at 7 o'clock. Leader, Miss Mary Wilkinson all are invited.

The M. E. Church will hold their Xmas Entertainment Thursday evening after Xmas, all are cordially invited.

George Swain and family had as guests Tuesday his daughters, Mrs. William Haman, of State Road, Mrs. Samuel Lester, of Portors, Mrs. Harry Swain, of near town, and Miss Mattie Swain, of Wilmington.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Miss Susie Wilson spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Aiken are visiting in Baltimore.

Mrs. Joseph Dulaney is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rachel Merritt.

Mrs. Lydia Coverdale has returned to her home after an extended visit to Smyrna.

The Young folks are practicing for an entertainment to be given here during Xmas week.

Miss Nora Finley is spending Sunday at the home of Mr. James P. McCoy, near Cecilton.

Miss Mattie Lynch attended the wedding this week of her cousin, Miss Etta Cox to Mr. John Burrows, both of Middletown.

Mail Changes

On November 24, the dispatch of mail by the 6 P. M. train was discontinued, and in lieu of such dispatch a mail is made up at 8 P. M. daily for the night trains which is a Postal train with clerks in charge. Hours for closing mail at office are as follows:

	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
North;	7.30	10.05	3.55	8.00
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	5.35
South;	8.50	5.05	8.00	
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
Odessa;	9.10	11.40	5.25	

Warwick, Cecilton and Earleville 9.15 A M. Mail for Sassafras Md., goes to Golts Md. by rail instead via Warwick.

Letter to Old Kris

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., Dec. 14.

DEAR OLD KRIS:—I am six years old this year, I try to be a good little girl, and will you please bring me a go-cart and a picture book, a whole lot of candy and grapes, toys, cakes and oranges. My sister wants a set of china dishes and a great big table, a nice game and a whole lot of candy,

MABEL FOULK.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Dora Price visited Smyrna friends last week.

Mr. L. C. Scott visited Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. Mary Droll is visiting her sister at McDonough.

Mr. F. C. West, of Wilmington, was in town Monday.

Mrs. M. J. Darlington spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Miss Fannie Burstan is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. J. H. Emerson was in Philadelphia on Thursday.

Miss Bessie Crouch is spending some time in Wilmington.

Miss Sybilla Jones was a Sunday visitor in Townsend.

Master Maurice Bratton was a Wilmington visitor Monday.

Mrs. C. P. Gears, of Smyrna, was a visitor in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gears were Monday visitors in Wilmington.

Miss Daisy Scott entertained Miss Rosa Rhine, of Odessa, on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain have returned home from New York.

Mr. L. C. Scott entertained Rev. Alfred Scott, of Wilmington, Sunday.

Miss Carrie Sudler, of Baltimore, Md., visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Fred Hoover, of Cecilton, Md., was a Thursday visitor in town.

Miss Bertha Cleaver returned to her home in Philadelphia on Monday.

Mr. David Lesham was a Wilmington visitor the first part of the week.

Mrs. Lemuel Lee and niece, Miss Ada Davis, were in Wilmington Monday.

Miss Dennson who has been visiting Mrs. J. C. Lewis, has returned home.

Mrs. Alfred Green spent a few days this week with relatives at Townsend.

Mr. George Hazel and Miss Dora Price spent Sunday with friends in Smyrna.

Miss Emma Brown after an extended visit in Philadelphia, returned home this week.

Miss Lizzie Rhinehart, of Wilmington, is spending some time with Mrs. Paul Weber.

Mrs. J. A. Suydam and daughter, Miss Estella, were Philadelphia visitors yesterday.

Mrs. David I. Allen spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. James Wilson, at Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor and son, Lawrence, were Philadelphia visitors yesterday.

Miss Mary Maxwell has accepted a position in Mr. Messick's store through the Holidays.

Miss Bessie Higgins, of near McDonough, is visiting her aunt Mrs. McClery, on Lake street.

Mr. William H. Brady has accepted a position with the Crane Ice Cream Manufactory, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Clifford Wood, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Parsons over Sunday.

Mr. Charles Griffith has accepted a position in Dover, and will leave to-day to enter upon his new duties.

Miss Katie Ratledge, of Townsend, spent a few days this week with her cousin, Miss Mary R. Brown.

The S. T. H. Club held its second sociable at the home of the Misses Beasten Wednesday evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by all whom were present.

PORT PENN WAVES

Make Kumpel's your head quarters.

Miss Oxley spent Sunday with friends in Odessa.

Get anything you want at Kumpel's general store.

Edward Zachies, Jr., spent Monday in Salem, N. J.

Mrs. E. Page spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. E. Page spent a few days in Wilmington this week.

There is talk of starting a creamery here in the early spring.

Our congenial friend William Carpenter predicts a hard winter.

Mr. Martin Moore spent Sunday with his friend, Mr. W. S. Gratt.

Mrs. J. W. Spicer and Mrs. Quilin were in Wilmington this week.

Mr. Walter Staats and friend spent Sunday eve with friends here.

Mr. R. A. Moore returned to Delanco after a pleasant stay with friends.

Mr. C. C. Conard on Xmas eve. will give a free contest at Kumpels.

Mr. George P. Moore is attending court, in Wilmington as a juryman,

Try Kumpels Fresh beef and pork—the best in town. Salted shad on hand.

We are assured that the trolley line will be in running order by early Summer.

Mr. Leslie Wood, of Pennsgrove, N. J., spent Sunday with his uncle T. B. Fisher.

Mr., and Mrs. Frank Wright made a flying trip to New Castle on Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Yearsley and friend, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carty, of Middletown, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Yearsley.

Mrs. Mattie Cauly, of Pedricktown, N. J. is making a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Evans.

Mrs. Mary Reed, of Wilmington is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Flemming.

Mrs. Hall, Miss Florence Hall and Mrs. H. M. Dilworth have been visiting in Philadelphia the past week.

Mrs. R. S. Carpenter, Miss Elva Carpenter and Miss Florence Carpenter were in Wilmington Saturday.

Miss Mame Eaton has returned home after several days visit with her sister Mrs. James Cleaver at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. John Wollen returned Home from Wilmington on Saturday where she attended the funeral of her brother.

Hog killing is at its height and the question arises who has the largest Hog. The heaviest heard from weighed 416 pounds.

Mrs. James M. Vandegrift, of "Elm Grange," near McDonough, was the guest of Mr. Henry Cleaver on Friday of last week.

Mr. C. C. Conard met with a painful accident last Saturday on the Augustine Road by one of the carts up ending and inflicting a painful injury to one of his limbs. At this writing he is improving.

There are several aspirants for the office of County superintendent of free schools. All are honorable gentlemen and worthy of the position. To advocate the cause of any particular one would be an impossibility for a fair minded person. May the best man win.

Messrs C. J. Vandegrift, John C. Diehl and John Foster made a heavy catch of carp in Merrimac Ditch, Augustine marsh, on Monday December 10th. The entire catch amounting to over four thousand pounds. They disposed of the fish to Green Bros., of Odessa, at five cents per pound.

THE NEW TROLLEY LINE

ODESSA, DEC. 14, 1900.

Quite a good deal of argument relative to the proposed trolley route running through this town has been heard since the recent visit of the representatives of the Company.

That the trolley would be an advantage to the town cannot be doubted and if the proper route is taken there seems little doubt that the investment would be a good one. The line has been run as far as Delaware City and during the summer months the cars were taxed to their utmost to accommodate the great numbers who availed themselves of the inexpensive pleasure of a run to Delaware City.

It is true that as the line goes farther from the City the conditions change and the reasons for a successful line from Wilmington to Delaware City would not be cogent arguments for the extension of the line to towns more remote.

The people will not adopt the trolley as a means of passenger service from the lower towns of New Castle county to Wilmington, and as the freight service of the trolley system is not as yet perfected to an extent that would seem to justify a line down the State in opposition to the Penn. R. R. and as there is practically no community of interest between the towns of Odessa and Smyrna or Delaware City and Dover we cannot see how this route would be a success, but the conditions do favor very heavy local traffic if the contemplated route should be adopted leading from Delaware City to Port Penn and Augustine Park, Odessa and Middletown, thence into the wealthy and thickly populated section of Delaware and Maryland immediately west of Middletown, which is entirely without communication of any kind.

Ausgustine Park would draw a great many people from the towns above mentioned, the railway would supplant the old hack route from Odessa and Port Penn to Delaware City. It would get not only the passenger traffic between Odessa and Middletown, but would carry the freight for the merchants of the latter town which comes to Odessa by steamboat and is now hauled in wagons. It would bring to Middletown great numbers of people from Maryland who patronize the large store there and if continued to Georgetown would establish direct communication between Baltimore and Philadelphia.

This is the age of progress and we want a trolley. The people are interested and will do all in their power to make a success of it if the promoters can be induced to extend their line.

Mixtures, 5,8,10 and 12½ cents, and the best at 16 cents at DeValinger's.

MARRIED

BURROWS—COX.—On Thursday December 12, 1900 by the Rev. Dr. E. W. Caswell at the M. E. Parsonage, this town. Mr. John F. Burrows and Miss Etta L. Cox, both of Middletown.

CURRENT PRICES.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	.70	Corn—	
No. 2	.67	Yellow, shelled	38
Timothy Seed	$1.80	" cob	35
Clover Seed lb	7½c	Oats	30

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	25@27
Country Butter, per lb	24@28
Creamery Butter, per lb	32
Lard, per lb	8@10
Live Chickens, per lb	10@10
Ducks, Dressed, per lb	10@12
Potatoes, per basket	30@35

ODESSA HAPPENINGS

Mrs. L. V. Aspril was in Philadelphia Friday.

Mr. George N. Davis spent last Friday in town.

Mr. Daniel Murray, of Viola was in town Monday.

Mrs. Joseph Armstrong spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Rev. A. T. Scott spent several days this week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, of Middletown, spent Sunday in Odessa.

Mrs. Helen Cheairs and Mr. S. D. Townsend, of Delaware City, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Nora Armstrong spent a part of last week with Miss Ethel Loffland, of McDonough.

Ex-senator Anthony Higgins, of Wilmington spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. D. W. Corbit.

They are however, having a number of inquiries from prospective purchasers and she will most likely be sold before the spring trade opens.

Dr. D. W. Lewis of this town was a passenger on the train that was wrecked at Gray's Ferry last Sautrday and was the means of rendering valuable assistance to the injured.

Messrs. D. W. Corbit, F. B. Watkins and George L. Townsend a committee appointed by the Odessa Loan Association, to take charge of the Steamer "Hildegarde" which was recently purchased by the Association at U. S. Marshals Sale are having it put in complete order by an expert engineer preparatory to offering her for Sale or putting her upon a route.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF ODESSA, December 7th, 1900.

The Stockholders Annual Meeting for the election of Nine Directors to serve this Bank for the ensuing year, will be held in the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, January 2d, 1901, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 1 P. M.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN, Middletown, Del., Dec. 6th, 1900.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing term will be held at the Banking House on SATURDAY, January 12th, 1901, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN, Middletown, Del., Dec. 6th, 1900.

THE ANNAUL MEETING of the Stockholders for the election of Nine Directors to serve this Bank for the ensuing year will be held in the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 8th, 1901, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 1 o'clock, noon,

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

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Very truly yours,
M. GREMMINGER,
ODESSA, DEL.

More Overcoats

We sold so many Overcoats the past week, we were compelled to get another lot. Some of them we closed out under regular prices on account of the lateness of the season. We have marked them the same way and they are now ready for you to take away.

A lot of Black and Blue Kersey Overcoats, same as we sold all season for $6.50; we can sell now for $5.

Two lots of Oxford Grey Overcoats—one sort we had before and sold for $12, the other lot is still better; you can have either kind now for $10.

One lot of very fine Oxford Overcoats, lined all through with guaranteed silk, fine silk velvet collar and well worth $18. We bought the last seven the manufacturer had and will sell them for $12. Sizes are 33, 35, 39, 36, 37, 38, 40.

Four new lots of Boys' Overcoats, ages 6 to 16, will be in to-day. A good purchase enables us to sell them at almost half former original prices.

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Dried Fruits. Extracts and Spices.
CRACKERS AND CAKES.
Mince Meat, Sweet Cider and PLUMB PUDDING.
POULTRY AND FRESH VEGETABLES.

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Men's AND Boys' Clothing

It isn't necessary to pay the high prices for Clothing. Our special offering for high grade Clothing, look them over, if interested.

Men's high grade Suits, imported English kersey cloth, melton and cheviot, the wanted stripes and blue serges, in the proper up-to-date cut, lined with best grade of imported body lining, honestly tailored, **$12.00.**

Men's high grade Overcoats, fine imported kersey cloth, lined throughout with Skinner guaranteed silk, such coats usually retail at 18.00, **$12.00.**

Men's high grade Suits, melton and kersey cloth, all the wanted colors, in black, gray and blue, lined with fine Italian cloth, no better suit sold at $15.00, **$10.00.**

Boy's Overcoats, age 6 to 15 years, in blue and brown covert cloth, in the nobby short and long coats, our special price **$3.50,** fully worth $5.00,

Dolls, Toys and Games.

This big Store is Santa Claus' favorite out-fitter, any toy here will cost him less than at any other store.

Dressed Dolls, 13 inches long, dressed in the latest fashion, complete with shoes, stockings and bonnets, **45c.**

Kid body Dolls, 17 inches long, has pretty moving eyes, sewed wig, some parted in center, **50c.**

Large kid body Dolls, 21 inches long, pretty bisque head, long bushy hair, **$1.00.**

Child Rocker Stands, 22 inches high, made of hard wood and highly finished, **25c.**

Chiffonier, white, enameled beautifully carved front, has brass trimmings, 3 drawers, 28 inches high, 16 inches wide, mirrors 6 by 6, **$1.75.**

Soldier Suits, Cap, Sword and Gun, each on large card, **$1.00.**

Shooflys, strong and well made, large size, has hair tail, painted seat, nicely decorated, **75c.**

Child's Desk, 22 inches high, box 21 by 24 inches, made of hard wood, nicely varnished, and thoroughly braced thoroughout, **$1.15.**

Doll Go-carts, made of willow, and nicely finished, **22c.**

Crokinole Boards, with Checker Board on back, 2 games in one, **$1.00.**

We are showing the largest and finest stock of Dolls, **1c.** to **$4.75** each.

2,000 large Christmas Tree Ornaments, the 10 and 15c. kind, **5c.**

Glass Christmas Tree Ornaments, **10c.** per dozen.

Holiday Slippers.

Men's Imported Alligator Slippers, **80c.**

Men's Romeo and Opera Slippers, white kid lined, **$1.00.**

Men's Opera Slipper, lined throughout with kid, on most comfortable lasts, neatly stitched, **$1.25.**

Ladies' Slippers, fur trimmed, warmly lined, **$1.00.**

Ladies' Slippers, Dongola kid, fur trimmed, gum sides, **$1.25.**

Ladies' lace and button Shoes, patent leather tips also old ladies' Comfort Shoes, **$1.25.**

Ladies' lace and button Shoes, of vici kid, dull tips, heavy and light soles, also box calf, **$1.50.**

Ladies' lace and button Shoes, Kabo kid, dull tips, heavy and light flexible soles, the "Princess" Shoe, **$2.00.**

Baby kid and patent leather Shoes, **50c.**

Boys', Youths' and Little Boys' Shoes, of good quality calf skin, mannish last, tipped, **$1.00.**

We are the sole agent for Mundell Soler Tip Shoes for boys; W. L. Douglass Shoes for men; Queen Quality Shoes for ladies.

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Monday, 10th,	12 m	Friday, 7th, 5½ pm
Thursday, 13th,	1 pm	Tuesday, 11th, 8 pm
Monday, 17th,	4½ pm	Friday, 14th, 11½am
Thursday, 20th,	7 pm	Tuesday, 18th, 2 pm
Wedn's'y, 26th,	12 m	Friday, 21st, 4½ pm
Friday, 28th,	1 pm	Thursday, 27th, 8½ pm
		Saturday, 29th, 11½ am

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SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the National Hotel, in town of Middletown, St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County, State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 22d DAY OF DECEMBER, 1900,
at 9.30 o'clock, A. M.,

The following described Real Estate, viz.:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the town of Middletown, New Castle County and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a corner for a lot of ground belonging to the estate of John A. Eliason, deceased, on the north side of Lake street, and running with said Eliason west of north one hundred and twenty-five feet to lands of George Echenhoffer thence with the same south of west fifty feet to lands of Jesse Lake thence with the same east of south one hundred and twenty-five feet to the said Lake street; and thence therewith to the place of beginning. Containing six thousand two hundred and fifty square feet of land, more or less with a two story frame dwelling house and kitchen thereon erected.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Isabella V. Garton, and to be sold by

JOHN E. TAYLOR, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, December 8, 1900.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the National Hotel, in the town of Middletown, St. Georges Hundred New Castle County, State of Delaware.

ON SATURDAY,
THE 29th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1900,
at two o'clock, P. M.

The following described Real Estate, viz:

All that certain lot or piece of Land situate in the Town of Middletown, County of New Castle and State of Delaware, and on the south side of Anderson street, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the curb line on the south side of Anderson street, being a corner for these and other lands of the said John H. Kilpatrick; thence with said curb line eastward twenty-nine and a half feet to a corner for these and other lands late of the said Kilpatrick, now of Andrew R. Kilpatrick: thence deflecting from the said curb line ninety degrees and fifty-eight minutes southward one hundred and fifty-eight feet to a line of lands of William Ryan; thence with said Ryan's land twenty-eight feet and three inches westward to corner for these and lands of the said John H. Kilpatrick's land; thence with said Kilpatrick's land northward one hundred and fifty-three feet and three inches to the place of beginning.

Containing within said metes and bounds four thousand four hundred and ninety-three and a half square feet of land, more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of William J. Given and Florence A., his wife Mortgagors and tts. and to be sold by

JOHN E. TAYLOR, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, Wilmington, Delaware, December 12th, 1900. Dec15-3t.

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BANKS.

Peoples National Bank.—President, G. W W Naudain; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Teller, W. G. Lockwood. Bank Building on East Main Street.

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SECRET SOCIETIES.

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April 25th, 1900.

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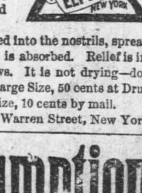
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BY GERTRUDE SMITH.

IT HAD BEEN SNOWING FOR two days, and now the snowploughs were out, and the first really good sleighing of the winter would begin.

The great fields lay in unbroken whiteness. The woods along the banks of the Iowa River were billows of snow. The large farm-houses, and the number and size of the barns and other outlaying buildings, gave evidence of the richness of the soil that lay buried and resting for another harvest.

Judge Hilton's house had the distinction of being built of brick. There was a dignity in its solidity over the usual white frame houses on the surrounding farms that well became the dignity of the judge.

The judge was New England born and bred. There is the veneration for Puritan ancestry in the entirely Western soul that the Puritan mind still has for good old English blood.

Isabel Hilton was her father's housekeeper and the only child. The mother had died while she was a baby, and she had ruled the house and been ruled by her father since that time.

She had all her father's reserve and pride of family, and at the same time his happy nature and gracious manner, that won her friends when she desired to make friends. Those who found it impossible to win their way into her favor, called this reserve in Isabel, her "down East airs." There was a discouraging belief among the young men in the country around, some of whose fathers had herds of cattle large enough to divide and establish them in enviable beginnings, that if the judge thought any of them worthy to win his daughter's love there would never be an opportunity to gain the consent of the young lady.

The judge had theories against Isabel's entertaining young men alone, nor would he permit her to go with any escort but himself.

The privilege of spending the evening with Isabel, in the presence of her father, was considered a mark of distinction, and held the one so honored on the wave of hope.

"If a fellow had the backbone to outsit the judge some night, he might propose to the daughter," was the comment Mr. Holderman made to his son one day. Clint Holderman had been one of Isabel's most persistent admirers.

"The trouble with all of you is, you go there shaking in your boots, and talk to the judge, and come away with the big head because you dared do that; but I tell you, if I was a young fellow I'd out sit him if I sat till the break of day. It's some such pluck as the judge is looking for. He raised her, and he knows her value; and she ain't going cheap to none of you. If you can go in ahead of the other fellows and tow her in, I'll give you ten thousand dollars and deed you a section of land. Come, now, let's see what you're made of?"

In some way this lordly promise got adrift the current of country gossip, and roused the admirers of Isabel, one and all, to new interest in the contest. Large stories were told of the late hours the judge kept that winter with Isabel's suitors.

Clint Holderman drove over to the brick house early on the evening that he had set his mind with flint-like determination to give his father's advice the trial.

It was a cold night, and as he sped along in his new cutter, drawn by a handsome span of black horses, and well tucked in with buffalo robes, his heart was warm with hope.

He had spent many evenings of the winter playing chess with the judge, so he was sure of his welcome; but to-night beyond all this. He thought of the hour when, at last, with his heart and understanding touched, the judge would bid them good night, and he should be left alone with Isabel.

There was no handsomer young man in the country than Clint Holderman; none who danced better, or who drove better horses; but more than this, the judge had repeatedly told him that he had never known a man who played a better hand at chess.

This was an encouragement indeed; for if the judge had a weakness, it was for chess, and it would be decidedly pleasant to have a son-in-law who could be to him such a ready source of entertainment. As he drove into the yard, the judge came out on the side piazza.

"Good evening," he called out. "Just drive on to the barn; the man will put out your horses."

One of the farm hands came out of the stables as he spoke, and Clint threw him the reins and followed the judge into the house.

"Snapping cold, but splendid sleighing," the judge said, while Clint was pulling off his overcoat in the hall.

"Yes. I believe my ears are touched," Clint answered, rubbing them.

"Isabel is popping some corn. She'll be glad you happened over to help eat it."

He led the way into the long sitting-room at the end of the hall.

Isabel was on her knees before an open wood fire, shaking a corn-popper.

The while kernels snapped and expanded with a pleasant sound.

The lamp had not been lit, but the firelight made the room bright and cozy.

"Isabel, here is Mr. Holderman, my dear."

She sprang up.

"I didn't hear you come in. Good evening. Come over here by the fire. Why, it's Clint!" she said, as he came into the glow. "I thought father meant your father. I never think of you as Mr. Holderman. Have some corn."

She held the popper open before him.

"I'm sure I never think of you as Miss Hilton," he said, plunging his hand into the corn, and laughing. "That would be a little too much like strangers, as long as we've known each other."

The judge cleared his throat.

"I have always decidedly disliked the informality of country people in calling every one by their Christian names," he said. "It leaves no degree in intimacy. But I suppose it is impossible to know where to draw the line."

Isabel went back and knelt before the fire again.

"Oh, I don't know," she said, shaking the popper vigorously. "As long as it is a custom I don't think any one feels it a mark of special intimacy, so as the custom is protected by being a custom."

The young man sat awkwardly in his chair and was silent.

"They seemed to be closing the doors against any thought he might have of closer intimacy with the family.

The judge left the room for a moment, and came back with a lighted lamp, and placed it on the claw-legged table in the centre of the room. He had put on a long dressing-gown faced with crimson quilted silk, and now he drew his great chair up before the fire, and stretched himself out into it.

"Come, Clint, I will let you shake the popper for me, and I'll go down cellar and get some apples." Isabel looked at him with a merry twinkle in her eyes, as she held the handle towards him, and then ran out of the room.

Clint grasped the handle of the popper with the delight of success flooding his viens. Isabel had never before given him a reason to believe that she cared for him that could compare with that look.

Daylight would find him sitting right there, but he would beat the judge's watch and gain the opportunity of speaking to her.

It was a delightful evening. The judge partook of the popcorn, and the conversation was more than usually affable and entertaining.

Isabel sat on the opposite side of the fireplace and crocheted on a blue wool scarf. There were pink spots burning on her cheeks, and her eyes were very sweet.

The time passed on until the noisy clock on the mantel clearly and forcibly announced the hour ten.

It had been comparatively easy this far, but now was the time when Clint usually went home.

The real contest was about to begin.

The judge shoved his chair back to the table, picked up a paper, and began to read.

From time to time he glanced over the top of his paper at the two talking before the fire, but still read on.

When the clock struck eleven, he threw the paper down, pulled his chair back to the fire, and drew the young man into an animated political discussion.

Isabel stirred about the room, putting things in order for the night.

It was nearing midnight. For the last fifteen minutes the conversation had begun to lag.

There were cold moments of complete silence.

"Had you noticed that I had traded horses?" Clint asked in one painful pause.

"No; have you?" Isabel asked coming forward with interest.

"Yes. I've traded the grays for George Merwin's blacks. Of course there was consideroble to boot. They go like the wind in my cutter."

"I should think they would." Isabel drew a deep breath. "I do like black horses. I never cared for gray ones. I always think of having to look for a red-headed girl," she laughed. "I should think you'd always be on the outlook for one when you ride behind them."

"Perhaps Mr. Holderman is looking for a red-headed girl," the judge said, with a queer look in the direction of the young man. "There's a superstition that a red-headed girl has a violent temper. Now, that isn't always true," he said, after a moment's silence, in which his thoughts seemed to have been far away. "Isabel's mother had as sweet a disposition as any women that ever lived, and her hair was the color of that deep flame there."

Isabel was leaning on the back of her father's chair. "Why, father, you've always said my hair was almost the color of mother's. I'm sure no one would think of calling mine red."

"I don't know about that," the judge laughed; "and I don't know about the temper, either," he added, reaching up and pinching her cheek.

"I never liked red hair, but I'm sure I don't believe in that sign," Clint said clumsily. He gazed fixedly into the fire, and felt as though he were turning to stone.

The clock struck twelve with a reasonant, defiant stroke, as though it understood the contest in which it held the stakes, and refused to commit itself as to whose side would win.

At a quarter past twelve the judge stood up.

Clint felt his heart beating wildly. The moment of triumph was at hand.

The judge crossed to the bay window at the other end of the room. Isabel's eyes followed him nervously.

From one side, among the geraniums and ivy, he drew the chess-table, and pushed it before him toward the fire.

"I think it would be pleasant for us to have a game of chess," he said affably.

Clint sprang to his feet.

"Oh, thank you, sir. I think I must be going home."

"Oh, must you? Well, come over again and we'll get at it earlier in the evening."

It seemed hours before Clint finally found himself out on the smooth snow-beaten road, spinning along toward home.

He would have been completely wretched in his defeat if it had not been for that look in Isabel's eyes when she handed him the corn-popper. He could endure his father's ridicule and wait his time, remembering that look.

And so he made a good story of it at breakfast the next morning, and added, elevating his voice above the roaring laugh of his father and the shrieks of his mother and sister:

"Never you mind. The judge isn't through with me yet. I've only fired my first gun. I'll own when I came out of the house I was out of shot, but I haven't given up the fight yet."

"Oh, you'll let some other bantam rooster carry her off. I guess I'm safe enough on the cash and land I promised you," his father answered with a provoking laugh.

"Don't you count on it," Clint said springing up from the table with fire in his eyes. "I'm not downed yet, I tell you."

"All right, sonny; we'll give a big dance to celebrate your engagement, and an oyster supper. I suppose there's no rush about ordering the oysters?"

"I'll hold you to that," Clint said, bringing his fist up against the door, "If the thing's settled by Saturday week, we'll have the dance. If it isn't—well, it won't be. I'm going over to town after the mail."

He turned and went out of the room. As the door closed, he heard his sister say, tittering.

"Clint has about as hard a time courting Isabel as you had courting mother."

This was a warm thought of comfort to him. At least Isabel had never denied him her love, and he knew that his mother had been hardly won.

It was a bright winter morning. Before him was a clear stretch of road to the Iowa River, three miles away.

The white fields on either side sparkled in the sunlight. The great drifts, rolled up along the fences, looked blue in the shadows of their fantastic terracings. The sleighing never was better.

All at once Clint heard the noise of sleigh-bells, and a voice called to him: "Give me the road."

He turned and saw Isabel Hilton coming toward him, driving her own bay ponies at a fearful rate.

Clint drove quickly out at one side of the road, and she sped by him.

He saw that her horses were running away.

There had been no alarm in Isabel's face, though she was holding the reins with all her strength, and had looked neither to the right nor the left as she passed him. If there was one thing more than another that the Holdermans prided themselves in, it was their knowledge of a good horse and splendid horsemanship.

Isabel Hilton's love of horses and her daring in driving them had been one of the first things that had won Clint's admiration. Her control and courage now appealed to him tremendously. His own horses seemed to have caught the spirit of the runaway pair ahead, as they flew along over the snow after them.

Clint knew that at any moment Isabel's slight arms might lose the power to hold those tense reins so securely, and the horses dash to one side and the crash come, and there was nothing he could do. On went the cutter ahead of him, swaying to the left and the right, but still keeping the road. The bridge across the Iowa River was just ahead. Clint thought of the bridge with terror. If the cutter swayed to one side, as it was doing now, the crash would come on entering.

He saw Isabel's strength tightening on the reins, and knew that she felt the danger.

Her horses flew up the slight incline to the bridge, and Clint braced his nerves to withstand the shock. But to his amazement he saw that the horses were slowing up, and entering the bridge with all the respect of well-trained horses; and by the time they were over the frozen current below, they were walking as quietly as though they had decided on that point as the end of their excitement.

Clint entered the bridge as Isabel was leaving it. She drove out to one side of the road and waited for him to come up to her. "I'll let you go on ahead of me now, if you want to," she called out, as he stopped.

"Look here," Clint called back, "did you think of those horses stopping at the bridge that way, I'd like to know?"

"Yes; didn't you? I knew they might not, but I thought they would if I could keep them in the road. Didn't you think of their doing it?"

"Well, no. I had something else to think about," he answered, looking at her admiringly.

Isabel's face flushed, but she looked at him smiling.

"I wasn't afraid as long as the road was clear, but I should have lost all courage if I had seen a team coming."

"Talk of pluck!" Clint said, driving a little nearer to her cutter. "Isabel, what did you think of last night? What did you think of me, anyway?"

She drove out into the road ahead of him, and then looked back over her shoulder, laughing. "I thought if you had only waited half an hour longer I would have been eighteen. It is my birthday to-day. I'm of age." And with that she touched her ponies with the whip, and kept well ahead of him all the way to the village.

When they met again, it was before the fire in the sitting-room at the brick house where they had held the hours the night before. But the contest with the judge had lost its seriousness.

Between them he sat, imperturbable, as he had sat the night before; but to-night he was only an amusing barrier, and not a serious obstruction. Love had leaped the bounds, and was free. It triumphed in their eyes as they looked across him, and over him, smiling knowingly at each other.

"We're going to have a dance over at our house Saturday week, and an oyster supper. It is going to be a celebration of a great event in our family." Clint announced with a meaning gesture to Isabel.

"What's the event you're celebrating?" the judge asked, looking over his spectacles.

"Well, that's something of a secret until to-morrow. I hope I can tell you then. You must be sure and come. We're going to have a great time."

The judge looked at Isabel. "Do you think we can go, my dear?"

Her cheeks were rosy. "Why, yes, I should think we could, father."

"Thank you, then. We'll come," the judge said, leaning back in his chair, and looking at the ceiling. "And now would you like to play that game of chess we didn't play last night?"

It was evident he had no intention of giving up the field. Clint did not answer. He was not as fearless of the judge as he had supposed. His heart throbbed excitedly.

Isabel pressed her hands together hard and looked into the fire. The clock ticked loudly, emphasizing the silence.

Finally the judge brought his eyes from the ceiling, and looked at the young man.

"Didn't you hear what I said to you?" he asked, running his hand through his forelock and grasping the arm of his chair.

"Yes, sir, I did," said Clint respectfully.

"Well, then?"

"If you'll allow me to say it, sir, I I've won the game already."

"What's that?"

"I believe, sir, I've won the game."

The judge glared at him for a moment, and then his eyes fell on Isabel.

He looked from one to the other.

The ticks of the clock seemed to choke each other.

"Well, my boy," he said, drawing a deep breath—the tears had started to his eyes—"I don't know but you have." He held out his hand. "I don't know but you have, my boy."

"Thank you, sir, thank you."

Her father reached the other hand to Isabel, and stood up and drew her into his arms, then pushed her from him, and crossed the room to the door leading into the hall.

Isabel's eyes followed him lovingly.

He turned and looked back at them and smiled.

"Well, children, I'm feeling a little tired to-night," he said, "and I think, if you'll be kind enough to excuse me, I'll go to bed."

He went out and shut the door.—*McClures' Magazine.*

A LUDICROUS ACCOUNT OF A SWELL WEDDING

Compositors on newspapers know that it is difficult to keep the types straight and in their proper places at all times, and our readers, no doubt, often wonder how certain little mistakes and mix-ups occur. Watch them as you will, they "get there" once in a while, even in the great newspapers and periodicals. We noticed recently a typographical mistake in the Bible, which is supposed to be the most carefully printed book in existence.

The following account of a swell marriage is vouched for as an actual occurrence, being of itself an evidence of the difficulty of keeping the types straight. Here it is:—"The church was finely decorated with holly and evergreen, and the altar was hidden in a wealth of flowers. Out of the recesses rose rare tropical plants, and from the ceiling hung fifteen western veals, which at this time of the year are scarce and correspondingly dear at 6@8½c. per pound. There was also an active demand for choice lambs, and farmers east of the Mississippi river can profitably turn to sheep raising and take the bride, who wore a gown of white corded silk, a creation of Worth's with pearl ornaments.

Then came the maid of honor, the cousin of the bride, Miss Henrietta Blower of Chicago, wearing a dress of white tulle, with diamond ornaments, and she was followed by a bunch of Montana sheep, which bleeted most piteously as they were driven on board and shipped to the winter hotels in Bermuda. They will there be cut en twaine and slightly decollette, and after the rest of the party had reached the rail the minister turned and said, impressively: "I cannot bid more than 6½cts. for State veal, but cablegrams from London quote refrigerated beef at a price that will enable me to pay $4.90 for a pair of choice Indiana beeves, and hearing this there was a rush for the young married couple, and the bride fell into the arms of her father, who is known to bear a striking resemblance to a Connecticut ox, weighing 7,875 pounds. The market here took an upward turn and advanced 1@2c., and the guests who numbered about 200, were served with sumptous dinner at the bride's home.

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At Brighton Beach I hit Mose Rosenstien, who was organizing a one night "Faust" company, for a job.

"What part do you wish to take?" he inquired shortly.

"I wish to take the place of Mephistopheles, of course," I answered, drawing myself up proudly, for I had on a new suit of clothes and could afford to look him in the face.

"And why do you wish to take that particular part?" he inquired.

I was amazed at his dullness; but, concealing my disgust as far as possible, I explained that it was because the devil always gets his dues. He seemed pleased at my repartee, wrote me out a $500 per week contract and paid me my first week's salary of $7.50 in advance. I played the devil in "Faust" until nearly the end of the season, after which I was cast in "The Foundry," a workingman's play.

LIFE-TIME STAMP SUPPLY

Mr. Alex. Jackson, the wealthy citizen of Camden, who has begun the distribution of his money as was told in last week's TRANSCRIPT, has gotten himself in a heap of trouble. He has been greatly worried by hundreds of people who appeal to him for aid. Many have visited him and made personal solicitations. His mail has almost swamped the post office and it is said that up to Saturday morning he had received 1,300 letters from persons begging for a share of his wealth. Almost every letter contained a postage stamp for a reply and many sent ten cents for a registered letter reply. It will therefore be seen that Mr. Jackson has a supply of postage stamps valued at about $26, and enough to last him his life time.

The Chinese View of Milk

The Chinese seem to have a more tender regard for cows than for foreign devils. They would not even have them milked. According to "The Foochow Herald" a notice has been posted up to the following effect: "You are not allowed to drink cow's milk. Man has no right to take from animals their nourishment, particularly the cow, which is the most useful of all. Those who sell milk pollute their conscience for the sake of money, and those who drink it with the idea that their bodies benefit by it are not less blamable. Under the pretext that their children feed themselves with milk they wish to do the same. But animals have the same needs. Who will feed the calves if men take all the milk from the cows?"

THE CLAYTON POSTOFFICE

New Year's Day, the postoffice at Clayton becomes a Presidential appointment and a successor will be named to James H. Deakyne, the incumbent. The applicants for the place are Mr. Deakyne, William D. Venn and Thomas L. Mason The fight is a bitter one, and some scars will be left, no matter who is named. Mr. Deakyne is confident that he will succeed himself. He points with pride to the management of the office during his incumbency and the general satisfaction given the community. He is an old soldier, having served his country during the Civil War and saw active service, and is one of the few old soldiers who does not draw a pension.

"Have you read Omar Khayyam?" asked the young woman with glasses.

"No," answered the young man with short hair. "Who wrote it?"

FRENCH ADMIRAL PRAISES OUR SAILORS

Admiral Servan, of the French navy, has sent to Captain Chester, of the battleship Kentucky, a letter of thanks to Hugh P. Mullen, coxswain on board the Kentucky, for rescuing, with the aid of a seaman, six French sailors who were capsized from a small boat off Gibraltar last month.

The French admiral in his letter to Captain Chester says that he will recommend to his government the granting of first class life-saving medals to Mullen and Seaman Austere, who aided in the rescue of the Frenchmen. The deed was a daring one, performed in a heavy gale.

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On and after October 1, 1900, train will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD.

	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MAIL P. M.	EXP. P. M.
Philadelphia	§7 25	‡10 20	§2 20	§3 58	§5:59	‡11.28
Baltimore	6.25	8 03	1 18	2 01	4:20	7.[illegible]3
Wilmington	8 13	11 06	3.03	4.39	6:58	12.11
Farnhurst	f 8.22		f 3 12		f [illegible].07	
New Castle	8 28		3.17	4.52	7.12	
State Road	f8 34		f 3 22		f 7:17	
Bear	f8.39		f 3 27	f 5 01	7:22	
Porter	8.47		f 3.32	5 0[illegible]	7:28	
Kirkwood	8.52		f 3.37		7:33	
Mt. Pleasant	9.01		f 3.45		f 7:41	
Armstrong	9.05		f 3.49		f 7:45	
Middletown	9 11	11.50	3.54	5 3	7:51	12.54
Townsend	9 19		4.01	5 40	7:58	
Blackbird	f 9.23		f 4.11		8:04	
Gr'n Spring	f 9 28		f 4.17		f8:10	
Clayton	9 34	12 07	4.22	5 51	8:16	
Smyrna LV	9 24	11.57	4.12	5 44	8:06	
Brenford	f9 39		f 4 27		f8:21	
Cheswold	f9 44		f 4.32		f 8:27	
Dupont			f 4.35			
Dover	9.58	12 23	4.42	6 12	8:37	1 31
Wyoming	10 05	f12.29	4 48	6.18	8:4[illegible]	a 1 39
Woodside	f10 11			f 6.24	f8 [illegible]	
Viola	f10 15			f [illegible] 8	f8. 4	
Felton	10 20	12.40		6 33	8.59	[illegible] 5
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6 46	9.10	2.0[illegible]
Georgetown	11.34			7 45		
Berlin.	12.33			8 44		
Ocean City (B C & A Ry	12.45			10 35		
Farmington	f10 42			f 6.54	f9.18	
Greenwood	10.50	f 1 08		f 7 02	f9 26	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		7 10	9.34	a 2 29
Cannons	f11 03			f 7 1[illegible]	f9 39	
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7 21	9 48	2. 1
Laurel	11 23	1.37		7.34	9 58	a 2 [illegible]3
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7 43	10 08	3.05
	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	AM

NORTHWARD

	EXP A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS. P. M.
Delmar	‡1.08		§7.05	§8 00	§2 15	§3 30
Laurel	f 1.21		7.16	8.10	2.25	3 41
Seaford	1.34		7.28	8 24	2.35	3 56
Cannons			f 7.36	f 8.31		f 4 04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.42	8 37	f 2 46	4.11
Greenwood			f7.50	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington			f 7.58	f 8.53		f 4.27
Ocean City (B C & A Ry				6 40		*2.10
Berlin.				6.56		2.[illegible]3
Georgetown				8 06		3.42
Harrington	2.23		8.10	9 06	[illegible]	4:41
Felton	f 2.33		8.19	9.16	[illegible]	4 50
Viola			f8.23	f 9 20		f 4:54
Woodside			f8 27	f 9 24		f 4.58
Wyoming	p 2:46	§6.57	8 33	9.31	f 3.30	5:06
Dover	2.53	7.03	8.40	9 38	3.39	6.12
Dupont		f7 08				
Cheswold		f7.13		f 9.49		5: 1
Frenford		f7.18		f 9.54		5:26
Smyrna LV		7.15	8 13	9 51	3.41	5.21
Clayton	3.09	7.25	3 58	10.01	3.54	5.31
Gr'n Spring		f7.29				f 5:35
Blackbird		f7.35		f10 09		f5:45
Townsend		7 40	9 11	10 14	4 07	5.51
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9 20	10.23	4.16	f6:01
Armstrong		f7.54				6:00
Mt Pleasant		7.58		f10 31		6:[illegible]
Kirkwood		8.08		10.40		6: 8
Porter		8.15	9 40	10 46	4 36	6:17
Bear		f8.2[illegible]		f10.51		6.[illegible]3
State Road		f8 2[illegible]		f10 56		f 6:33
New Castle		8.31		11 01		6.[illegible]8
Farnhurst		f8.36	10.57	f11 06		f 6.43
Wilmington	4 15	8 4[illegible]		11 15	5 02	6:52
Baltimore	6 19	10.31		12.35	7.05	8:40
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32		12 06	5 46	7:42
	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM

‡ Daily. § Daily except Sunday. *Leaves Tuesdays and Saturdays only.

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